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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

1. Please insert the following section on page 1 after the title of the invention:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The subject application is a divisional of 10/208,492 filed July 30, 2003, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/553,982 filed April 20, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,458,269, and are hereby incorporated by reference.

2. At page 11 of the specification, please replace the entire paragraph beginning on line 11 with the words "Referring to Fig. 2" and ending on line 23 with words "as illustrated in Fig. 4" with the following paragraph:

Referring to Fig. 2 in conjunction with Fig. 3, a pair of diametrically opposed inclined cam lugs 62 and 64 project radially outwardly from the lower section 46b of neck portion 46. Cam lugs 62 and 64 are dimensioned and configured to facilitate rotational engagement of the filter cartridge within an intermediate support flange 70 that depends from mounting bracket 16. As best seen in Fig. 3, a central aperture 75 extends through support flange 70 for receiving the neck portion 46 of filter cartridge 40. A pair of diametrically opposed cam ramps 72 and 74 project radially into central aperture 75 for interacting with the inclined lower surfaces of cam lugs 62 and 64 that are axially spaced from the body portion and face toward the body portion in a generally axial direction. The cam ramps 72 and 74 are spaced from one another to allow the cam lugs 62 and 64 to fit therebetween when the neck portion is extended through aperture 75 during assembly, and they are inclined along their arc length to facilitate rotational engagement of the filter cartridge with support flange 70, as illustrated in Fig. 4.

3. At page 12 of the specification, please replace the entire paragraph beginning on line 18 with the words "Referring to Fig. 5" and ending on page 13 line 3 with words "in the valve member" with the following paragraph:

Referring to Fig. 5, in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the subject invention, cam lugs 62 and 64 are adapted and configured for reception within a pair of corresponding diametrically opposed reception areas 102 and 104 formed within the interior cavity 25 of valve member 26. Each of the lugs has engagement surfaces which face away from the body portion. At least one of the engagement surfaces defines a keyed surface formation including at least one tooth or protrusion axially extending from remaining portions of the engagement surfaces relative to the neck which enables the cartridge to mate

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with a compatible reception assembly. More particularly, the upper surface of each cam lug 62, 64 is provided with a unique key formation having, in this case, a plurality of spaced apart axially projecting teeth that are adapted and configured to engage and mate with a corresponding set of spaced apart recesses formed within the reception areas of the valve member 26. This mating arrangement is designed to ensure replacement cartridge compatibility by only permitting replacement of a filter cartridge having a keyed surface formation that corresponds with the surface features of the reception areas in the valve member.

4. At page 13 of the specification, please replace the entire paragraph beginning on line 8 with the words "As discussed in greater" and ending on page 13 line 15 with words "a filter manufacturer" with the following paragraph:

As discussed in greater detail hereinbelow, the number of teeth that define the key formation on each cam lug can vary within the scope of this invention (see for example Figs. 18-40), as can the surface geometry of the key formation (see for example Figs. 13-17). In each instance, the reception area in the rotary valve member would have a corresponding mating configuration to accommodate the key formation formed on the cam lugs. Furthermore, it is envisioned that the key configuration on one lug could be substantially similar to or different from the key configuration of the opposed lug. This will dramatically increase the number of possible key combinations available to a filter manufacturer.